



Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

January 2012 Newsletter

Cookies for Our College Students

On Sunday, January 29, CCC will package cookies to send to all our college kids reminding them that their church family loves and misses them while they are away. Families are asked to bring three dozen home-baked cookies to church. The Christian Education committee will organize the packing and mailing. If you have a college student in your family, please contact the church office with his/her address.



Please note: because we are packaging the cookies differently, there no longer is a need for coffee containers.

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Are You Thirsty?

CCC Women would like to invite you to a book group. Beginning on January 28th, we will meet monthly at 9:15am to discuss the

bestselling book, The Well by Mark Hall from the music group, Casting Crowns. Teresa Elliott will be leading the study. Please contact her to order a book and/or if this sounds interesting to you:

Contact the church office

Go to the website for more information about the book:

<http://castingcrowns.com/store/well-book-mark-hall>

To order a book contact the church office



**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**

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*The CCC Annual Garage Sale
is a long time away...or it?
Although it is hard to believe,
the 2011 sale was 3 months ago!!*

Please mark your calendar...

*we are really counting on your help
the week of September 22-29!!*

Bryan's Bits

Our New Year is here! But I want you to not think about the movie that was made last year about the Mayan prediction of the end of the world, and the economy that has been limping along. Because as we know from God's Word that no one knows the end of time and the economy has its ups and downs, so let us do the best we can and make as much lemonade out of the "lemons" that come our way! I am very excited about this coming year as it is a year of potential. It brings to us new opportunities to share love and to embrace new as well as tried and true ways to reach out and care for those around us. That is such a blessing to think about ways we can touch people with the love of Christ.

We have shown much love in this church the past year - through our work with "Feed My Starving Children" and "St. Bart's" and "Orphans of the Storm" and the many regional activities and events, and the many, many outreach events that we do as a congregation to show our community that we care for them. This year I feel challenged to find new ways to care for people in my community. I extend that challenge to you as well - what can we do as individuals and a community of faith that can affect our community with the love of Christ this year? How can I be a more faithful servant of God right here and right now?

Teresa and I have been so blessed to have each and every one of you in our lives this past year. You have shared so much love with us and we have been touched by your genuine caring and support. Your generosity in your gifts this Christmas season has been overwhelming to the point of tears of joy and thanksgiving! We are touched by how you have embraced us and made us feel a part of your family here at Community Christian Church and we trust that this will only grow stronger in the coming year. You are a wonderful congregation and I am blessed to be your Pastor. As we embrace this year, let's make it a year where we shine throughout our community and share that love we so richly enjoy in this congregation. So many around us hunger for the relationships we enjoy here at Community Christian, invite them into our lives so that our blessings may increase and our love overflow in 2012! Amen and see you soon.

*Blessings,
Bryan*



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Upcoming Events

- 1/1 Combined Worship Service, 10am
no 8am service
- 1/7 Men's Breakfast, 8am
Undecorate the Church, 9am
- 1/8 Youth Group Meeting, 11:30am
- 1/11 Soup Kitchen, 4pm
- 1/14 Women's Coffee Break, 8am
- 1/22 Ministries Council, 11:30am
- 1/28 Women's Book Group, 9:15am
Feed My Starving Children
- 1/29 Cookie Sunday

Ongoing Events

Worship Services - Sundays, 8 & 10am
 Adult Sunday School - Sundays, 9-9:30am
 Children's Time - Sundays, 9-9:30am
 Youth Group Meetings - Sundays, 11:30am
 Sermon in the Round - Tuesdays, 10am
resumes Jan. 10

Soup Kitchen - 2nd Wednesday, 4pm
 Choir Practice - Wednesdays, 7pm
 Bible Study - Thursdays, 7pm
resumes Jan. 12

Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday, 8am
 Women's Coffee Break - 2nd Saturday, 8am

Keep up with CCC events on the website.
 Go to the Upcoming Events page on our
 website: www.CCCLincolnshire.org



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 Lincolnshire, Illinois

Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate



Don't miss the January Women's coffee on Saturday, January 14! We start at 8am at Einstein's on Milwaukee. It is free flowing - we come and go when we need to. This is such a great time to sit down, relax, and get to know one another better. Mark your calendars now before things get too busy. Come share some coffee and some laughs to start your day off right!

We are calling all women who would like to help cater the Men's February breakfast meeting. This will be a great way to support the work of the men in the church. Put on your chef's hats and join us Saturday, February 4th.

In May, the women will be hosting a "*Mothers and Others*" event. The planning is beginning, and Susan is looking for any and all ideas. This will be an opportunity to honor and support the mother in all of us. Whether you have your own children or are a mother figure to a family member or friend, you are welcome. What we do and what we give to one another is so sacred. Let's honor that together in May.

Lastly, there will be a summer day retreat for the women in 2012. Susan is looking for contributors to make this day a worthwhile investment of time and energy for us all.

If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please contact the church office.



The next monthly CCC men's breakfast will take place on Saturday, January 7, from 8 to 9 am in Thompson Hall. Please reply to the church office if you'll be able to come.

Please plan on staying after to help undecorate the church at 9am. Many hands are needed to put Christmas away at CCC and your hands will be very much appreciated!

ALIVE!

5TH THROUGH 8TH GRADERS



Alive! Supports Souper Bowl

There will be a special collection on Sunday, January 30th & Sunday, February 6th to benefit the Community Social Services' Soup as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. This is a national event that raises funds to help local charities in communities across the country. CCC youth will be collecting your generous monetary donations in soup pots on January 29th and February 5th. Checks should be made out to CCC but designate Souper Bowl on the memo line. Help those in need, and enjoy the football game!



In 2011 Souper Bowl of
Caring Collected
\$9,583,627.54 in cash & food
items for 10,138 Charities

God's Hands

God works through me to bless others.

God, my hands are Your hands, so I give thanks for them and ask for Your guidance in using them to bless others.

Fill my hands with Your love, and use them to bring comfort where there is pain, encouragement where there is despair.

Guide my hands and fill them with Your strength so that I might help the ones who need to be uplifted.

Empower my hands with the skill they need to accomplish Your mighty works. Your work in my hands in a true labor of love, and I am grateful for every opportunity to work with You to bring peace and joy to others.

Bless my hands and extend Your love through them, making them an instrument of Your peace. As Your love flows through me and reaches out to others, I am blessed and filled with joy.

"What deeds of power are being done by His hands." Mark 6:2



From the CCC Staff...

Many thanks from each member of the church staff for the abundant Christmas gifts! We are so grateful for such a kind and generous congregation.

Bryan Elliott
Fernando Dorado
Judy Mankus
Casey Candebat

Chris Ramaekers
Soyeon Park
Peter Ruger

Property Committee



The CCC Property committee is a small but mighty bunch of people and they could use your help. If you would like to join this active group, please contact Dave Thoensen by email at DPThoensen1@aol.com.



The General Operating Budget data for November 2011 is as follows:

November income	\$16,355
November expenses	\$21,569
YTD income	\$247,903
YTD expenses	\$234,194

Improvements to the Sanctuary Sound System

In November, the Worship Committee with the services of a consultant arranged for making some much needed improvements to the Sanctuary sound system. Those improvements included replacing the digital processor, the main amplifier and the main Sanctuary speakers; adding an amplifier for monitor speakers, two monitor speakers for the choir; adding two "distance pickup" microphones for groups of people - such as kids, duets, the choir - and for acoustic instruments, and an ear-worn microphone to be used with the existing wireless system.

In addition, the project included, complete installation, testing and balancing of the new system; training of CCC personnel and complete documentation.

These changes have eliminated the buzzing, feedback and other distortions in the old system and have significantly improved the clarity and quality of the sound, both spoken and music, processed through the system.

The purchase and installation of these improvements were funded from the earnings from the Kathryn Westerberg-Viravec Memorial Fund. What's that? Read the accompanying article.

Kathryn Memorial Fund

One of CCC's three memorial funds is the Kathryn Endowment Fund established in 1997. Although many of you may know John and Dottie, you may not be aware of the background of this fund in memory of their daughter, Kathy. During junior high and high school, Kathy was very involved with CCC's youth groups. In fact, she was instrumental in bringing the entire Westerberg family to this church. After she went on to college, started her career, and married, she always had a soft spot in her heart for Community Christian Church. Kathy passed away on December 31, 1995 at the age of 29 after a battle with cancer.

In December 1997, John and Dottie established the Kathryn Endowment Fund with a thoughtful and generous gift of \$25,000 to CCC. The purpose of this permanent fund is to produce earnings for the church to use to make repairs and address special projects and needs that are not covered by our general operating budget. The endowment principle will not be spent; only the earnings will be available for special uses. Since the inception of this fund donations from a number of CCC members have been added to the principle.

Over the past 12 years, the earnings have been used for several much needed improvements to CCC, including

- In 1999, replacing the sliding glass doors in the kitchen of Friendship Hall.
- In 2001, helping fund the Friendship Hall kitchen remodeling
- In 2003, installing an independent heating system for Thompson Hall
- In 2009, purchasing new cushions for the Sanctuary pews and choir chairs

And, in November 2011, improvements to the Sanctuary sound system (described in the accompanying article) were purchased with earnings from this fund.

When you sit in the Sanctuary and listen to the clarity and fidelity of the amplified music and spoken word, think of Kathy and how her love for this church continues to help us do God's work at CCC.



**You'd better stand back now:
This is going to be a mighty roar...**

CCC Youth Page

ALIVE!

5TH THROUGH 8TH GRADERS

REVIVE!

9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS

Do YOU Want to be Heard?

On January 8, after church, there will be a very important meeting where the CCC Youth Group can and will be changed by **YOU** - the **YOUTH** of Community Christian Church! This is a great opportunity for **YOU** to take ownership of this program and make it what **YOU** want it to be; change what **YOU**'d like; add activities the adults have never heard of! **YOU** can also plan for some favorite activities, like a Mission Trip, a Lock-in, some Outings, a Retreat, Feed My Starving Children, more service projects, maybe even some Bible time!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE THERE AND BRING YOUR IDEAS!

Parents: **YOU** are an integral part of this **YOUTH** Group - we hope **YOU** will attend also.

Attention Alive Members!



Souper Bowl of Caring is coming up on Jan 29 & Feb 5. Do you want to be a part of it? Play a part in a skit? Speak to the congregation? Hold a soup pot? Serve at the Soup Kitchen? There are so many ways you can help this year. Please contact the church office.

Farewell, Jim & Eshy Thank you to everyone for showing up, pitching in and sending off Jim & Eshy. They are now living in Florida and it would be great to keep them in our prayers while they begin their new journey.

Youth Leaders Needed

On Tuesday, Jan 3, there will be a meeting for anyone interested in being a part of a great committee - the Youth Leadership Team (YLT). Whether you have a youth that's involved in the Youth Group or not, your ideas are welcomed. Without a youth minister, the youth of CCC rely on us to provide meaningful opportunities for them to grow their relationships with each other and with Christ. Please come to the church office at 6pm on Jan 3. If you are unable to attend the meeting and have ideas, please contact the church office.

Happy New Year!

CCC YOUTH VISION STATEMENT

TO GATHER AS FRIENDS IN A FUN, SAFE ENVIRONMENT
TO SHARE STORIES AND LEARN HOW TO CENTER OUR
LIVES ON CHRIST

CCC YOUTH MISSION STATEMENT

FINDING OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST
LAUGHING IN ORDER TO LOVE AND TO BE POSITIVE
ARTISTICALLY EXPRESSING OURSELVES THROUGH PRAISE
READING THE BIBLE TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL
PRAYING FOR OUR WELL-BEING AND FOR OTHERS



2012 Rotation Lesson Plans

January	Feeding the 5000
February	The Lord's Prayer
March	The Last Supper
April	The Walk to Emmaus
May	Paul on the Road

January Sunday School children will be learning about **Feeding the 5000**



To support this lesson we will be asking the children to bring in cans of **tuna and flour-based mixes** (loaves and fishes) to donate to the

Northern Illinois Food Bank

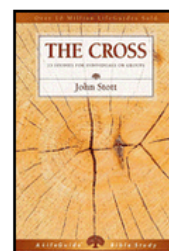
Please help to show our children what it means to help those in need all year-round and support this drive by bringing in non-perishable food items this January.

Baskets will be provided
In the Narthex

The Cross Bible Study **January 12 - April 5**

Community Christian Church invites you to join a weekly evening Bible Study on Thursday nights at 7pm. The group starts up on January 12 and will conclude in 13 weeks. The discussion will begin with the book "The Cross" by John Stott and will explore the accomplishments and meaning of the cross.

For more about the book, [click here](#).
Contact Bryan Elliott to order a book for \$6.00.



Happy Birthday!

Michael	1
Kristin	1
Erin	3
Kyle	3
Anna	5
Michael	6
Rick	6
Jean	7
Susan	9
Bailey	11
Dawn	13
Brian	15
Laurie	16
Lucia	17
Tommy	21
Madeleine	22
Ping	22
Mary	23
Ellery	24
Jeff	25
Jan	25
Pat	25
Ashley	26
Susan	27
Amy	30
George	30
Chris	31
Joanna	31

Happy Anniversary!

Nelson and Ann	8
Barry and Margaret	22

Thank You!!

Thank you to those who served at the Soup Kitchen in December when 175 meals were served.

Ron
Pip
Judy
Ruby
Char
Jane
Ping
Borchueh

Thank you to those who served treats at Fellowship Hour in December.

Thank you to Pip for coordinating the Angel Tree gifts. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to those in need this Christmas.

Thank you to Charlie, Sharon, Faith, Grace and Jayne for sharing their gift of music.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service.

Thank you to the acolytes during Advent:

Sarah
Grace
Sean
Sarah
Emelia
Ruby
Avery
Noah
Maya
Erin
Ellen

Thank you to the readers during Advent:

Jim & Eshy
Gill & Callum
Dave, Lucia, Dianne & David
Kevin, Faith & Grace

Long Term Prayer List

When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added. You may also submit a name to the long term prayer list by writing the name on a cross and posting it on the prayer board in Friendship Hall.

Alexander & Evan	Ken & family
Amy's family	Kyle
Ana	Lesli & Bunny
Andrew & Whitney	Lin
Ann	Linda
Bill	Lisa and family
Bodil	Matthew
Brent	Maura and Family
Caroline & family	Mike and family
Cuptrice	Nan and family
Danielle & Danny	Nancy
Dawn	National & World
Family and Friends of	Leaders
Naomi	Nicole and MacKenzie
Gaby & family	Nikki
George	Noel & Sherri
Gretchen's family	Our Stephen Ministry
Helen's family	Our Troops
Henry	Patrick
Howard and Eleanore	Rich
Jason's family	Rich
Jennifer and family	Robert
Jim & family	Sheila & Jimmy
Jim	Sherry
Jim's family	Stephanie
Kay	Woody

Short Term Prayer List

Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for three consecutive weeks, after which, if there is need to continue, they will be moved to the long term prayer list.

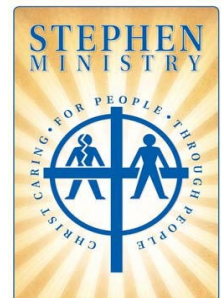
Addie & Joey	Kris
Chris	Mack
Dave & Sue	Mary and her mom
Gig	Mary's family
Ginny	Megan
Jackson	Pat
Jill, Adam & Randi	Paulette
Kara	Reed
Kathleen	Sean



Happy Neater Year

Isn't it interesting that as we move into a new year so many publications suggest that it's time to "organize and de-clutter" our homes. Between working on the socks and junk drawers, doing the closets and files, perhaps you might like to give some thought to your relationship with our Lord.

Although the Christmas season should be focused on the birth of Christ, it seems that we often get caught up in all the crazy busy-ness. If you find that the pressures of everyday life are creating chaos in the area of your faith, this might be a good time to meet with a Stephen Minister. Please call the church office to make the arrangements. Happy New Year!!!!



- CCC Events ■ CCC Youth Groups
■ Troop 78 ■ Committee Meetings

JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
■ Winter Break ■ New Year's Day ■ 10a Combined Worship	■ Winter Break ■ 7p Troop 78	■ 7p Commissioners	■ 7p Choir Practice			■ 8a Men's Breakfast
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Sunday School ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Youth Group	■ 7p Troop 78	■ 10a Sermon in the Round ■ 7p Roundtable	■ 4p Soup Kitchen ■ 7p Choir Practice	■ 7p Bible Study	■ SHS No School	■ 8a Women's Coffee Break
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Sunday School ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Youth Group	■ No School Martin Luther King Day ■ 7p Troop 78	■ SHS No School ■ 10a Sermon in the Round	■ 7p Choir Practice	■ 7p Bible Study		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Sunday School ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Youth Group ■ 11:30a Ministries Council	■ 7p Troop 78	■ 10a Sermon in the Round ■ 7p Pack 78	■ 7p Choir Practice	■ 7p Bible Study		■ 2p Feed My Starving Children (meet at 12:30p)
29	30	31				
■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Sunday School ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Youth Group	■ 7p Troop 78	■ 10a Sermon in the Round				